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ELECTION REPORTS ARE CONTRADICTORY

DO SOME GUESS WORK

An Interesting Table Showing the Vote in 1912.

Reports coming from democratic headquarters indicate the election of Woodrow Wilson, and the reports emanating from republican headquarters indicate the certain election of Hughes. The ordinary voter cannot rely on these reports, but must do some guess work himself. The following interesting table shows just how the vote was in 1912, and after the voter has read it he can draw his own conclusion as to the coming November election:

	Wilson.	Taft.	Roosevelt.
Ala.	82,438	9,732	22,680
Ark.	19,324	3,021	6,949
Cal.	68,838	24,467	21,673
Colo.	283,436	3,914	283,610
Conn.	114,232	58,386	72,306
Del.	74,561	68,324	34,129
Fla.	22,631	15,997	8,886
Ga.	36,417	4,279	4,535
Ida.	93,076	5,191	21,980
Ill.	33,921	32,810	25,527
Ind.	405,048	253,593	386,478
Iowa.	281,890	151,267	62,007
Kan.	185,325	119,895	161,819
Kent.	143,663	74,845	120,210
La.	219,584	115,512	102,766
Maine.	61,035	3,884	9,323
Mass.	51,113	26,545	48,493
Mich.	112,674	54,956	67,789
Minn.	173,408	155,948	142,328
Miss.	150,751	152,244	214,584
Mo.	106,426	64,334	125,856
Mont.	57,227	1,597	3,646
Neb.	330,746	207,821	124,371
Nev.	27,941	18,512	22,456
N.H.	109,008	54,216	72,689
N.J.	7,986	3,196	5,620
N.M.	34,724	32,927	17,794
N.Y.	178,289	88,835	145,410
Ohio.	20,437	17,733	8,347
Ore.	655,475	455,428	390,021
Pack.	144,507	29,139	69,130
Penn.	29,555	23,090	25,726
R.I.	424,834	278,168	229,807
S.D.	119,156	45,393	45,393
Tenn.	47,064	34,673	37,600
Tex.	395,619	273,305	447,426
Va.	30,142	27,703	16,878
Wash.	48,355	536	1,293
W.Va.	48,942	58,811	54,041
Wis.	130,425	60,674	54,041
Wyo.	219,489	28,530	26,745
Utah	36,579	42,100	24,174
Mont.	15,354	23,332	22,132
Ida.	90,332	23,288	21,777
Wash.	86,840	70,445	113,698
W.Va.	113,946	56,667	78,977
Wis.	164,228	130,695	62,460
Wyo.	15,310	14,560	9,222

Totalling this we find that nearly fourteen million voters went to the polls.

Wilson	6,293,397
Taft	3,440,967
Roosevelt	4,069,472

From this, one will see that the democratic vote was slightly over six millions of votes and the combined vote of the republicans and progressives was even and one-half millions. Wilson was elected by a minority vote.

WILL LAUNCH TWO VESSELS AT ASTORIA

The launching of the first motor craft at the McEachern yards has been set for Saturday, October 28, when vessel No. 1, named the City of Astoria, will slide from the ways into the waters of Young's bay. There will be an elaborate ceremony connected with the launching. President J. S. Delaney, of the Chamber of Commerce, is arranging the program. Most likely Miss McEachern, daughter of the builder of the craft, will be selected to do the christening. The occasion is one in which every Astorian can point with pride as it marks the opening of one of the greatest natural enterprises in the lower Columbia river district. Astoria Budget.

It is also planned to launch one of the steam schooners being built for the McCormick people by the Wilson Bros. on the same day, and a number of St. Helens people expect to attend these launchings.

WARREN TAXPAYERS WILL HOLD MEETING

A special meeting of the Warren Taxpayers' League will be held in Erickson hall at Warren, Monday night, October 23. Matters of interest will be taken up and Mr. Zillman, democratic candidate for county commissioner, will address the meeting.

WILLIAM M. ROSS CALLED BY DEATH

A GOOD CITIZEN GONE

Prominent in Financial and Business Circles of City and County.

After an illness of several weeks, W. M. Ross died at his residence here Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. His family was at his bedside when the end came. He was conscious until a short time before his death.

William Morse Ross was born in Rockton, Ill., June 18, 1854, and was the son of Levi and Mary J.



WILLIAM M. ROSS

Ross. He received his education in the public schools of Broadhead, Wis., and for many years was engaged in business in that city. He also served as superintendent of schools of Rock county, Wisconsin, for thirteen years.

Coming to St. Helens in 1905, Mr. Ross established the Columbia County Bank and has remained at the head of that institution since its organization.

Mr. Ross leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Mrs. Fannie Ross; three sons, L. G. Ross, Harold P. Ross and Cecil Ross, and one daughter, Mrs. A. L. Stone. He is also survived by three brothers and two sisters, Joseph Ross of Broadhead, Wis., Adin and Edwin Ross of St. Helens and Mrs. William Grimes and Mrs. Chas. Synstegard of Wisconsin.

Since locating in St. Helens, William Ross has done much towards putting St. Helens where it is today. He served as president of the commercial club, councilman and other positions of trust and importance where he could be of benefit to the community. He was prominent in fraternal circles and was a valued member of the Masonic, Odd Fellow and Modern Woodmen of America lodges. He was one of St. Helens' most substantial and trustworthy citizens and his taking away leaves a vacancy in the community life that will be hard to fill.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Methodist church, of which he was a member. Rev. McDougal, of Spokane, will officiate and the interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery near Warren. The ceremonies at the grave will be conducted by the Masonic lodge.

THE CIRCUIT COURT HAS ADJOURNED

The circuit court, after hearing the various cases on the docket, has adjourned and Judge Eakin has dismissed the jury until the November term of court. The most important case, and the one which attracted the most interest, was the suit of Harry Peterson against H. F. McCormick, the St. Helens Lumber Company, City Marshal H. J. Southard, City Recorder E. E. Quick and Deputy Marshals Stone and Chance. Both Southard and Chance were acquitted but a judgment was given against Stone in the amount of \$200. The case was a matter of much interest to the St. Helens public and was based on the arrest of Harry Peterson and his confinement in jail for a few hours. In Peterson's complaint he alleged a conspiracy and false arrest and claimed \$5,000 actual and \$5,000 punitive damages.

PROCEEDING OF CITY COUNCIL

Warrants Drawn in Settlement of Damage Cases.

The city fathers met in regular session Monday night. Councilman White stated that the walk on the north side of the main street in West St. Helens would probably be completed during the week. He suggested that where the narrow street in the rear of the depot connects with the main street, it be filled with rock so as to make it passable after the sidewalks in front of the several buildings were completed and brought up to the grade established by the city engineer and council.

In the matter of the claim of Emma H. Tomkins vs. the city, on motion, the recorder was instructed to draw warrants in the sum of \$1,000 to be paid to Mrs. Tomkins upon receipt of a release of her claim.

Councilman Allen brought to the attention of the council the necessity of paving the road between St. Helens and the depot and that the city act in conjunction with the county court. No definite action was taken on this matter.

Several claims against the city were allowed and the recorder instructed to draw warrants for the same.

SHIPYARDS WILL BUILD LARGE SHEDS

Will Enable Company to Carry On Work All Winter.

In order that the shipbuilding work can be carried on during the winter months, the shipbuilding company plans to build two large sheds so that the boats and workmen will be protected from the winter storms. The sheds will be 70 feet wide, 70 feet high and 300 feet long. The first shed will be built over the lumber schooner Brookings now under construction, and as soon as that is completed a shed will be built over the motor vessel City of St. Helens. The motor vessel S. M. Allard will be launched within the next sixty days, so the company did not deem it necessary to construct a shed over that vessel.

The construction of these sheds indicates that the company plans on continuing their work during the entire winter.

BIG BARN AND HAY ON FIRE

The big barn on the Dan Freeman place, near Seapoose, which is leased by Frank L. Smith of Portland, caught fire Wednesday afternoon and the fire, which originated in the 200 tons of hay stored therein, was not



SHIPPING SCENE AT DOCKS OF ST. HELENS LUMBER COMPANY. THE BOATS LOADING ARE THE STEAMERS KLAMATH, YOSEMITE, JOHAN POULSEN AND MAYFAIR. PICTURE TAKEN OCT. 11.

SENATE CANDIDATE VISITS ST. HELENS

Pledges Himself to Aid Columbia County.

H. A. Lewis, candidate for joint senator from Clackamas, Columbia and Multnomah counties, was a visitor in St. Helens Wednesday. Mr. Lewis is a farmer living at Russellville, just six miles from the center of Portland. He has long been identified with the Multnomah county grange and is also president of the county fair association. He has been a resident of Oregon for forty-five years and though not taking a prominent part in the politics of the county, has always been active in the legislation of the county.

Mr. Lewis stated that he believed Columbia county was entitled to a senator and if the question came up at the next session of the legislature he would use every effort to give this county that to which it was justly entitled.

Mr. Lewis has the backing of the grange and the farmers in the three counties which he will represent in the senate, and Columbia county should give him its loyal and unanimous support.

EARTHQUAKE AND CYCLONE IN SOUTH

Much Damage Done to Gulf Coast Property and Lives Lost.

Almost the entire south was rocked by an earthquake and swept by a storm at the same time Wednesday, October 18. The wind in several places in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee attained a velocity of 114 miles per hour. In Pensacola, Fla., roofs were lifted from the houses and several vessels at anchor in the harbor were sunk or drifted on the beach. Several lives were lost and the property damage is enormous.

The earthquake was felt as far north as Louisville, Ky., and lasted three minutes. There were two distinct strokes.

DEMOCRATS HOLD WILSON RALLY

PRESIDENT EULOGIZED

Mark Weatherford and Leslie Humphrey Address Meeting.

Mark Weatherford, democratic nominee for congress, and Leslie Humphrey, a law partner of Senator Chamberlain, were the principal speakers at the democratic rally at the city hall Tuesday night. An audience of about 150 people heard the orators, who were introduced by W. B. Dillard, president of the local Wilson league.

Mr. Weatherford impressed those who heard him with his sincerity, but his speech was not attractive from either a logical or oratorical standpoint. He praised the stand taken by President Wilson in his foreign and Mexican policies and also his efforts towards maintaining peace.

Mr. Weatherford said if he was elected he would support the president in his peace policies. He also paid a compliment to former President Taft on his decision to leave the Mexicans alone and also leaving as a legacy to Wilson the Mexican problem. Mr. Weatherford said, "The president has done all that words can do."

Mr. Humphrey, who followed the congressional candidate, eulogized the president in the policies of the democratic administration.

As orators or logical speakers, both gentlemen were a disappointment to those who heard their talks, and the only real speech of the evening was made by W. B. Dillard. If Weatherford came to St. Helens in the hopes of making any votes for himself he will be disappointed, for he simply tried to ride through on the policies of President Wilson.

AUTOMOBILISTS HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE

Early Sunday morning the automobile driven by Dr. J. L. Zipperer, in attempting to pass the machine driven by Edgar Muckle, struck the latter and Muckle's car swerved from the road and took a plunge over the narrow fill just a few hundred yards north of the I. O. O. F. cemetery near Warren. All of the occupants of Muckle's car luckily escaped serious injury except Alfred George, who was thrown from the car and rendered unconscious. He also suffered painful bruises and his face was badly disfigured.

The wrecked car, which belongs to U. S. DeSpain, was taken to Portland Wednesday and is now in the repair shop. The six occupants of the car are congratulating themselves that they received no worse injuries than a severe shaking up. Dr. Zipperer's car was uninjured.

ST. HELENS-HOULTON ROAD BEING IMPROVED

The county court has a force of men at work on the St. Helens-Houlton road. They are experimenting with the "Richmondite" road surface material. The many rough spots and holes between the Central Grocery and the DeSpain hill have been fixed and the hill has been treated to an application of the fine rock and "hot stuff." If this material stands the heavy traffic which passes over this thoroughfare it will be abundant proof that it is a good article for road building and repairing.

TAX COLLECTIONS COME IN RAPIDLY

From September 14 to October 18 Sheriff Stanwood has collected and turned over to County Treasurer Hunt more than \$150,000 in taxes. The tax roll of the county is approximately \$427,000, and Sheriff Stanwood states that not more than \$50,000 will be delinquent on the entire roll. This is a very good showing, and the sheriff is to be congratulated on the collection of so large an amount. For the next several months the taxes will come in slowly, and in all probability not more than \$30,000 will be delinquent by the first of the year.

BIG LUMBER DEAL NOW UNDER WAY

MAY BUILD BIG MILL

Utah People Take Option on Columbia County Timber.

The people of St. Helens and Columbia county will be interested to know that negotiations are under way for the purchase of the vast timber holdings of the DuBois company by the Oregon Lumber Company, a Utah corporation. That negotiations are under way is admitted by John E. DuBois, who is now in Portland. The timber is located in the Nehalem country and is more than a billion feet. Mr. DuBois was in St. Helens several days ago, but whether his presence here had any significance so far as the sale goes could not be learned. The timber is located along the Nehalem river and Rock creek, and is one of the finest bodies of standing timber in Columbia county. Should the Utah people buy this it will require an outlay of about \$1,500,000 for the timber alone. Some time ago DuBois held this same body of timber for \$2,000,000.

Should the deal be consummated, the purchasers would have to build about 20 miles of railroad to get the logs to a point on the Columbia river, and the closest points are St. Helens and Columbia City.

For some time it has been predicted that DuBois would build a large mill at the latter place, as his company owns valuable waterfrontage there, and it might be that the purchase of the timber means the establishment of another sawmill. Another way the timber could come out would be by making an extension of the St. Helens Lumber Company's logging railroad to Rock creek, a distance of approximately 15 miles. There is one thing certain, if the Eccles people want the timber they have plenty of resources behind them to get it, to build a railroad and a mill. They have been operating in the eastern Oregon country and in addition to owning several large sawmills and much timber, own the Sumpter Valley railroad. Should the pending deal go through, it will rank as the largest deal made in several years and will add much to the prosperity of the city and county.

ST. HELENS BOY WINS HONORS AT O. A. C.

Dale Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Perry, who is a graduate of the St. Helens high school, is winning honors at the Oregon Agricultural College. He is at the head of his class in stock raising and has been appointed sergeant at arms of the student body, quite a signal honor. As yet, Dale has not been hazed, and the story is that when a big sophomore chased him, that Dale turned on the upper classman, took his class pin away from him and invited him to "beat it." Dale is playing on the football team of the freshman class and in all probability will be given a tryout on the regular varsity team.

LOCAL REBEKAHS ENTERTAIN OFFICERS

The local lodge of Rebekahs had as its guest Saturday evening Mrs. Nellie Waltenburg, of Klamath Falls, president of the Rebekah assembly, and Mrs. Mary A. Lancaster, of Astoria, another official of the Oregon assembly of Rebekahs. After a business session of the lodge and entertaining lectures by the officials, a banquet was served in the commodious banquet hall of the I. O. O. F. lodge.

REBEKAH CONVENTION AT RAINIER

The district convention of the Rebekahs was held at Rainier last Saturday and a large attendance from the several lodges were present. Those attending from St. Helens were Mr. and Mrs. U. S. DeSpain, Mrs. McKie, Mrs. L. E. Allen, Mrs. Minnie Doleshal and Mrs. Harry Bennett. The convention next year will be held at Seaside.